

PROPOSED REPLY TO ABZUG

This is in response to your letter of 24 February 1976 regarding the disposition of CIA records which are the subject of inquiry by the Senate and House Select Committees on Intelligence.

The moratorium on the destruction of Agency documents as requested by Majority Leader, Mike Mansfield, and Minority Leader, Hugh Scott, by letter of 27 January 1975 is still in effect and will be the subject of discussion by the Agency with the leadership of both the Senate and House.

Destruction of Agency material will be in accordance with ~~the recommendations of the President's Commission on CIA Activities within the United States~~, Presidential directives and as permitted by law.

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deletion of bracketed
paragraph.*

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AI/DDA 8/8/76*

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This is in response to your letter of 24 February 1976 concerning the disposition of Agency files relating to the investigation of CIA files by the Senate and House Select Committees.

A decision as to the disposition of those files concerning activities which the President's Commission considered illegal or improper has not been finalized and the moratorium on destruction is still in effect.

You can be assured that whatever action is taken regarding these files will be in the best interests of the individuals involved and the U. S. Government.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Director

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Mr. George Bush
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
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Dear Mr. Bush:

This Subcommittee has jurisdiction of government information policy, including the Privacy Act of 1974 and the Freedom of Information Act.

As you know, during the inquiries conducted by the House and Senate Select Committees on Intelligence, your agency agreed to refrain from destroying files and records relating to their investigations. The Pike Committee's tenure has expired and the Church Committee will report shortly.

We write now to request that the moratorium on destruction of files and records be extended until such time as Congress has had an opportunity to act on legislation dealing with this matter.

Please affirm to this Subcommittee, within 10 days, that it is your intention to honor the ban on destruction of data in accordance with our request.

Sincerely,

Bella S. Abzug
BELLA S. ABZUG
Chairwoman

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Attached for your review
is a proposed reply to Bella
Abzug's letter.

We may have to get togeth-
er later this afternoon to
discuss ramifications if you
have other ideas.

Please give me your com-
ments ASAP

Assistant Legislative Counsel

Attachment

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